

Remarks

Claims 28-39 and 42-44 were pending in this application. Claim 42 stands allowed and claims 28-39, 43 and 44 stand rejected. By this paper, Applicants amend claims 28-38 and 43-44, and reconsideration of the rejected claims is respectfully requested. Claim 39 has been herein cancelled.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

Claims 43 and 44 stand rejected under §112, second paragraph, because the claim dependency is incorrect. Furthermore, it appears that claims 28 and 29 also stand rejected because of their dependency on rejected claim 44. By this paper, claims 28, 29, 43 and 44 have been amended to depend from allowed claim 42 to overcome the rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

Claims 30-39 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Jones (US 4,355,511) in view of Burton (US 4,931,662). Claims 30-38 have been amended to depend from claim allowed claim 42 and are, therefore, believed to be allowable. Claim 39 has been cancelled by this paper.

Amendments have been made to claims 30-32 and 34-37 to conform to the language of independent claim 42.

Allowable subject matter

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that claim 42 is allowed. Applicants appreciate the Examiner's courtesy in indicating that claims 28, 29, 43 and 44 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that all formal and substantive requirements for patentability have been met and that this case is in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested. If any additional issues need to be resolved, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at his convenience.

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